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FATE OF THE JEWS.

A WARNING

To the PEOPLE of other NATIONS,

IN THE CASE OF

RICHARD BROTHERS,

THE PROPHET.

BY ONE WHO READETH AND REVERETH
THE SCRIPTURES.

*"And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy
"Fathers: I will set up thy Seed after thee, which shall
"proceed out of thy Bowels; and I will establish thy Kingdom.
"And thine House and thy Kingdom shall be established for ever
"before thee: thy Throne shall be established for ever."*

II SAMUEL, CHAP. vii. Ver. 12 and 13.

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ALL OF MY STUFF

A WARNING

To the People of the Nation

IN THE CASE OF

THE LONDON MUSEUM

THE MUSEUM



LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP.

OF all the multifarious events that at present croud the canvas of these stormy times, no one has perhaps more justly excited the public curiosity, than the pretensions of RICHARD BROTHERS to the character of a Prophet, and that of God Almighty's Nephew. His prophecies have been delivered with a steadiness that but little accords with the actions of a madman; indeed the style of intrepidity with which he has ventured to predict the most fatal disasters to the rulers of nations, seems to spring from something more than an ordinary channel, and to indicate a disdain of danger that is rarely found in common men. The arrest of this man, by the king's messengers, so far from calming the ferment into which his predictions have thrown this convulsed and distracted nation, will have a tendency to instigate a spirit of enquiry among all those who call themselves Christians,

tians, into the probability of this man's mission, and the character he assumes ; for of the truth or falshood of it, no earthly being is in a capacity to judge. THE WAYS OF GOD ARE INSCRUTABLE TO MAN, says the Scripture—if so, we should be very careful how we interfere with what may be his divine pleasure, his holy word and commandment. For this purpose let us examine a little, and see what has been the situation, birth, and condition of God's prophets acknowledged to be such, and a firm and implicit belief in whom constitutes a necessary preliminary to the holding of any place or employment whatever in this kingdom. And let us compare and see, if they are wholly incompatible with the present condition of RICHARD BROTHERS ; or whether they do not bear a sufficient degree of analogy to justify us in at least suspending our opinion, and seriously reflecting before we cast any stigma upon a man whose high commission, should he really hold it, demands respect and reverence from all men who pretend to believe in God.

Our blessed LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, was the Son of a Carpenter in Nazareth,

Nazareth, a country belonging to the Jews, miraculously born of a Virgin ! although she was married to Joseph the Carpenter !!! Yet so wretched was the condition of this Saviour of the World, that he was born in a manger among horses and oxen. For the first thirty years of his life he was an obscure individual, of no respect in his own country ; and at that age he began to preach his mission, and the divine grace to the people of Galilee ; yet such was the hardness of the hearts of men, that he had but very few followers ; he was despised and condemned by the ruling powers, and at last fell a sacrifice to the cruel hand of power, for calling himself what he really was—the SON OF GOD, and the KING OF THE JEWS.—Now, JESUS CHRIST, JOHN THE BAPTIST, and the FOUR EVANGELISTS, are universally accredited and believed ; nay, millions of heathens have been butchered, in Holy Wars and Religious Crusades, for daring to disbelieve in them, and for the purpose of establishing the veracity of CHRIST and his APOSTLES. The JEWS are held in utter and universal abomination, and are scattered up and down the earth like wandering vagabonds,

bonds, for having disbelieved his Holy Word, for having crucified him, and denied his being the TRUE SON of the LIVING GOD---yet in his own country, amongst these unbelieving and unfeeling Jews, he was as obscure a being as RICHARD BROTHERS is in England; he was despised by the magistrates, and foretold many dreadful disasters to the unbelieving governments; he called himself the Son of God, and King of the Jews; and for these things he was called an impostor, by the people to whom he revealed his divine mission. He was taken up, dragged to prison, insulted, condemned by Pontius Pilate, and executed on a cross between two thieves, on Mount Calvary; from that moment the power of the Jews is said to have declined, they became the victims of their numerous enemies, God deserted them, their chief city Jerusalem was taken by storm, and above a million of them massacred; they became extinct as a nation, and wanderers upon the face of the earth, despised of men, and hated of God.---Yet no one now doubts of his being the Son of God, although at that time it was universally disbelieved, and the Jews, by way of derision, put a label

over his cross---which although then done in mockery, was certainly very true---the superscription was, **THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.** Before he was crucified, he foretold the destruction of Jerusalem---we all know it came to pass. Let us not then hastily despise God's warning, his ways are impenetrable to man, and if he found it necessary to send his Son upon earth, why is it impossible that he may have raised up a prophet in a descendant of the Brother of our Lord and Saviour **JESUS CHRIST**, to be a warning to this wicked age? Reflect before you decide, and remember the words of **JESUS CHRIST**:

We have piped unto you and ye have not danced, we have mourned to you and ye have not wept.

Gospel according to St. **LUKE**,
CHAP. vii. Ver. 32.

MOSES, who we believe to have held converse with God frequently, and to have received from God's own hand on Mount Sinai the Ten Commandments, which

form part of our religion, *although very high authority daily seems rather disposed to break them than keep them*; which are stuck up in all churches, are made the basis of our laws, and are instilled into youth in their earliest education, being the most prominent part of their catechism; was born in Egypt, whilst the Jews were yet captives in that country, and was condemned by the laws of the king of Egypt to death, being a male born of an Hebrew woman,

*“ And he said, when ye do the office of a
 “ midwife to the Hebrew women, and see
 “ them upon the stools; if it be a son, then
 “ ye shall kill him;”*

EXODUS, CHAP. i. Ver. 16.

Yet he was saved in an ark of bull-rushes, and afterwards became a powerful prince, led the Jews out of their captivity, and governed them immediately under God himself.

*“ And I have also heard the groaning of the
 “ Children of Israel, whom the Egyptians
 “ keep*

*“ keep in bondage : and I have remem-
bered my covenant.”*

EXODUS, CHAP. vi. Ver. 5.

From these examples, without a perfect and unconditional belief in which, neither Mr. PITT, Mr. DUNDAS, the DUKE of PORTLAND, the LORD CHANCELLOR, the ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY, the LORD MAYOR, the KING, or the CONSTABLE, could hold any of the situations they do in this country, at least they solemnly swear they do believe them, previous to their being invested with any of those dignities; and it is not my business to examine, whether they swear true or falsely; it should seem that God Almighty has frequently raised up prophets from very low conditions, and that it is by no means impossible, or improbable, that RICHARD BROTHERS is the very prophet that he calls himself, for when Moses spake to the Children of Israel concerning their deliverance from the Egyptian bondage, they would not believe him.

*“ And Moses answered and said, But behold
“ they will not believe me, nor hearken un-
“ to my voice.”*

EXODUS, CHAP. iv. Ver. 1.

For Moses was, as he himself acknowledges, slow of speech, and not blessed with eloquence ; but the Almighty power of God made him also a god, and his brother Aaron a prophet.

*“ And the Lord said unto Moses, see, I have
“ made thee a god to Pharaoh : and Aaron
“ thy brother shall be thy prophet.”*

EXODUS, CHAP. vii. Ver. 1.

Nay, it does not appear at all improbable, that this very RICHARD BROTHERS may be the man chosen of God, after his own heart ; for was not KING DAVID, in a mean and low condition, one who looked after sheep ? And was he not raised from this obscurity by God Almighty's holy command, to be the king of all the Jewish Nation ? Did he not frequently converse with God Almighty ? And did not God ap-
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point his Seed to rule over his chosen people for ever?

*“ And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou
“ shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set
“ up thy seed after thee, which shall pro-
“ ceed out of thy bowels, and I will
“ establish his kingdom.*

*“ He shall build an house for my name: and
“ I will establish the throne of his kingdom
“ for ever.*

*“ I will be his Father, and he shall be
“ my Son. If he commit iniquity, I will
“ chasten him with the rod of men, and
“ with the stripes of the children of men.
“ But my mercy shall not depart away from
“ him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put
“ away before thee.*

*“ And thine house and thy kingdom shall be
“ established for ever before thee: thy
“ throne shall be established for ever.”*

2 SAMUEL, CHAP. vii.

Ver. 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16.

Now here is an exprefs covenant made by God himself with King David, who was a mean, low, and contemptible man, with
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the Higher Powers, before his elevation to the dignity of God's vicegerent over the Jews, who were, according to the Scriptures, his chosen nation; and from this shepherd, this obscure being, sprung our holy and beloved Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST; and does not RICHARD BROTHERS prove, I had almost said incontestibly, his descent from this King of Israel, this chosen servant of God, this man after God's own heart, to whose seed is promised the dominion over the Jews for ever? Nay, more, he proves his descent from Joseph, the brother of CHRIST, and who will deny that Joseph, CHRIST's brother, was a descendant of King David? No one who calls himself a Christian, will, I am sure, have sufficient effrontery and impiety to do it.--- Then who can come forward and disprove RICHARD BROTHERS being descended from David, king of Israel? who can demonstrate that he is not descended from Joseph, the brother of CHRIST? and if he is descended from our blessed Saviour JESUS CHRIST's brother Joseph, does not a belief in the holy and undivided Trinity, equally necessary to the obtaining of any public employment,

ment, oblige you to acknowledge him for God Almighty's own Nephew? I ask you this question seriously, does not the Trinity expressly tell you that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, are one and the same God? Three persons but one God!!! If so, God's own brother's descendant must, however far removed, most certainly be, God Almighty's own Nephew. Nothing can be clearer—no Christian can doubt a moment on the subject—the only difficulty then remaining is, to ascertain whether RICHARD BROTHERS is really descended from Joseph of Nazareth, or not? This seems to involve the whole question, and upon this seems to rest the truth or falsehood of his prophecies. He tells you, very satisfactorily, that he is so descended; nay, he has even traced out to a few, to whom he has thought it prudent to communicate it, his genealogy in so clear and perfect a manner, that there seems not to exist a doubt of his being the legal representative of David, king of Israel. Now as you already believe that God spoke to Moses from a burning bush, that God turned Moses's rod into a serpent—that he delivered the Jews
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out of their captivity in Egypt—that God overthrew Pharoah and his host in the Red sea, to favour their deliverance—that he commanded the Jews to take away their neighbours' goods.

*“ And I will give this people favour in the
“ sight of the Egyptians : and it shall come
“ to pass, that when ye go, ye shall not go
“ empty.*

*“ But every woman shall borrow of her neigh-
“ bour, and of her that sojourneth in her
“ house, jewels of silver, and jewels of
“ gold and raiment ; and ye shall put them
“ upon your sons and upon your daugh-
“ ters ; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.”*

EXODUS, CHAP. iii. Ver. 21 and 22.

That he raised up David from the lowly occupation of a shepherd to be king over all his chosen people Israel, and that he made a solemn covenant with King David, that his descendants should reign for ever over the Jewish people, that Joseph of Nazareth, the husband of Mary, the mother of JESUS CHRIST, was descended from this David, King of Israel, in a direct line, and that
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he had sons and daughters—one of which was JESUS CHRIST, born whilst his mother was yet a virgin, and only over-shadowed with the Holy Ghost!!! and another Joseph, the brother of JESUS, from whom is descended in a right line RICHARD BROTHERS :---why should you scruple to believe that he is ordained by God to be a warning to the people of the earth? Remember prophets have always been despised and disregarded in the countries in which they lived—

*“ While ye have light, believe in the light,
 “ that ye may be the children of light.
 “ These things spake Jesus, and departed,
 “ and did hide himself from them.
 “ But though he had done so many miracles
 “ before them, yet they believed not ON
 “ HIM.”*

St. JOHN, CHAP. xii. Ver. 36 and 37.

and happy it had been for the Jews if they had not been so unbelieving when their LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST was amongst them—they might never have ceased to have been a nation; they
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might never have been wanderers upon the earth; and certainly it is foretold, both in the Old and New Testament, that the kingdom of the Jews shall be re-established; and if so, who can say RICHARD BROTHERS is not appointed, like MOSES, to conduct them back to Jerusalem, and there establish the kingdom of God? I do not say he is, because I cannot be supposed to know the secrets of God's holy councils, but I am not inclined to be so impious as to dispute the power of God, or to slight his prophets when they deliver out his holy word and commandments. I always keep in mind the faith of the Centurion :

*“ And a certain Centurion's servant, who
 “ was dear unto him, was sick and ready to
 “ die;*

*“ And when he heard of JESUS, he sent unto
 “ him the elders of the Jews, beseeching
 “ him that he would come and heal his
 “ servant :*

*“ And when they came to JESUS, they be-
 “ sought him instantly, saying, That he
 “ was worthy for whom he should do this ;
 “ For he loveth our Nation, and he hath
 “ built us a Synagogue :*

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- “ Then JESUS went with them. And when
 “ he was not far from the house, the Cen-
 “ turion sent friends to him, saying unto
 “ him, Lord trouble not thyself: for I
 “ am not worthy that thou shouldest enter
 “ under my roof;
 “ Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy
 “ to come unto thee: but say in a word,
 “ and my servant shall be healed:
 “ For I am a man set under authority, having
 “ under me soldiers, and I say unto one go
 “ and he goeth; and to another, come and
 “ he cometh; and to my servant, do this
 “ and he doeth it.
 “ When JESUS heard these things he marvelled
 “ at him, and turned him about, and said
 “ unto the people that followed him, I say
 “ unto you, I have not found so great
 “ faith, no not in Israel.
 “ And they that were sent returned to the
 “ house, and found the servant whole that
 “ had been sick.”

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE,
 CHAP. vii. Ver. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

Now although it behoves all men to be-
 ware of false prophets, yet it also behoves
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them to take care they do not ruin their eternal souls by a wanton disbelief of God's holy word ; and therefore it seems to be a matter of great importance to ascertain, what respect is due to RICHARD BROTHERS, before, like as the Jews did unto our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST, we revile him and scoff at him. He appears to have acted steadily, and firmly : And a gentleman of great learning, and much versed in unravelling the ænigmas of the Hindoos, has lately written a pamphlet, in which he very clearly demonstrates the truth of RICHARD BROTHERS's mission to recall the Jews ; and he certainly foretels very important events, which, if true, should make all good Christians look about them, and endeavour to avert the dreadful calamity. Let us remember the fate of SODOM foretold by prophets, the fate of TYRE and SIDON also foretold, and the fate of JERUSALEM, foretold by our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST, and then let us tremble for our sins and wickednesses, and let us not add insult to impiety ; besides, what can be more modest than the reply of RICHARD BROTHERS, does he not say *search the Scriptures ?* and
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are we not taught to believe the Scriptures are very sacred things, and full of holy truths? and do we not find in the Scriptures incontestible proofs that the descendants of David shall rule over God's chosen people, and that the Jews shall be restored to Jerusalem? and does not RICHARD BROTHERS prove himself to be descended from David, by proving that he is descended from JOSEPH, the brother of CHRIST? and has he not prophesied such things as no man else has dared to prophecy? Let us therefore not be rash, and call him an impostor, for the ways of God are not to be judged of by weak mortals, and if he has sent RICHARD BROTHERS to forewarn the unhappy people of this country against their impending danger, ought we not rather to adopt the faith of the sinner who touched the garment of CHRIST, and of the centurion, and thereby save ourselves and fellow Creatures, than wantonly imitate the example of the Jews, and thereby draw down upon our heads the vengeance of Heaven. Think therefore, I say, think whilst it is yet in your power, revere God, and do not offer insult to those whom it has pleased him to call to be his missionaries.

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MINISTERS, armed with power, may, like PONTIUS PILATE, by availing themselves of the laws, certainly imprison, and even destroy this man; but remember, so did the Jews destroy CHRIST, as they thought, though it turned out, that thereby they only destroyed themselves; for CHRIST arose from the dead, but the empire of the Jews was destroyed, and their chief city taken by storm, and its inhabitants massacred, so terrible are the judgments of God on those who disbelieve his holy Word, and slight his Prophets. Remember when the disciples of CHRIST were fearful in the storm, he rebuked them thus :

“ O ye of little faith.”

ST. MATTHEW, CHAP. viii. Ver. 26.



